GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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SCHEME TO HARNESS EXCESS WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any comprehensive scheme to harness the excess water flowing from rivers to drought prone areas besides simultaneously checking the floods in vast tracks of land; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) & (b) In 1980, the Ministry of Water Resources, then known as the Ministry of Irrigation, formulated a National Perspective Plan for water resources development which envisages inter linkages Peninsular Rivers and Himalayan Rivers for transferring water from water surplus basins to water deficit areas for optimum utilisation of water resources. The Himalayan component would provide substantial flood control in Ganga and Brahamhaputra basins besides providing additional irrigation and generation of hydropower. The Government of India has established the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) in 1982 as an autonomous society to carryout water balance and other studies and prepare feasibility reports. NWDA has identified 30 links under the National Perspective for preparation of the feasibility reports and has completed feasibility reports of 6 links under Peninsular Component. It is programmed to complete feasibility reports of all the identified water transfer link schemes under the Peninsular Component by the year 2004 and those under the Himalayan Component by the year 2008.